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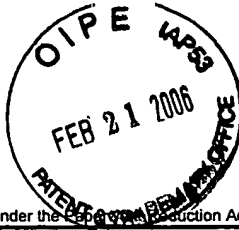
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In re Patent Application of:  
Hiroyuki UMEZAWA et al.

Serial No.: 10/807,405

Filing Date: March 24, 2004

For: WATER TREATMENT DEVICE AND  
WATER TREATMENT METHOD  
USING THE SAME

Examiner: R. A. Hopkins

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & 1.98**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

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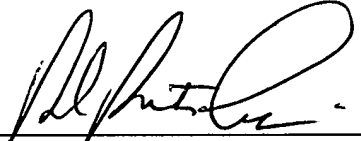
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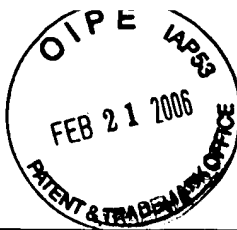
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